

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 2-6 and 10-20 have been cancelled, claims 1, 7 and 9 have been amended and new claims 21 – 28 added, as shown in the following listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A portable keyboard, comprising:

a base having a reduced-size housing with a standard-size key arrangement held in the reduced-size housing;

a cover removably held on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement;

the reduced-size housing including ~~portions~~ elongated, narrow front and rear side walls cooperating with other portions flanges formed on the cover to allow the cover to be removed from and put on the reduced-size housing; ~~and~~

slots formed along the elongated, narrow front and rear portions of the reduced-size housing for cooperation with the flanges formed at lower ends of side edges of the cover;

the cover adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected positions when removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement; and

raised ears formed along one side of the cover which cooperate with flattened portions formed in a bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the reduced-size housing and the standard-size key arrangement in an angled position when the cover is removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and inserted under the bottom of the reduced-size housing.

Claims 2-6 Canceled.

7. (currently amended) The portable keyboard of claim 6 1 wherein the cover has an open U-shaped configuration to enable it to be slid onto and off the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement by cooperation of the flanges with the slots.

8. (original) The portable keyboard of claim 7 wherein the standard-size key arrangement only includes typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.

9. (currently amended) The portable keyboard of claim ~~1~~ 2 wherein the cover comprises a substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture a USB connector therebetween when the cover is in a closed position on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement.

Claims 10 - 20 Canceled.

21. (new) A portable keyboard, comprising:

a base having a reduced-size housing with a standard-size key arrangement held in the reduced-size housing surrounded by substantially narrow side edges and ends;

a cover slidably held on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement; the cover comprising flanges formed at and extending along lower ends of side edges and toward each other at approximately 90°;

the substantially narrow side edges including elongated front and rear side walls having slots formed therein; the slots having open front portions and closed end portions; and

the cover having an open U-shaped configuration to enable the flanges to be inserted into the open front portions of the slots so as to be slid onto and off the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement.

22. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 21, further including raised ears formed along one side of the cover which cooperate with a bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the reduced-size housing and the standard-size key arrangement in an angled position when the cover is removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and inserted under the bottom of the reduced-size housing.

23. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 21 wherein the cover comprises a substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture a USB connector therebetween when the cover is slid into a closed position on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement.

24. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 21 wherein the standard-size key arrangement only includes typing keys, a numeric keypad and function keys.

25. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 21 wherein the cover is adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected positions when removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and inserted under the bottom of the reduced-size housing.

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26. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 25 wherein the cover comprises a substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and cooperate with a holding portion on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture a USB connector therebetween when the cover is slid into a closed position on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement.

27. (new) The portable keyboard of claim 26, further including raised ears formed along one side of the cover which cooperate with a bottom of the reduced-size housing to support the reduced-size housing and the standard-size key arrangement in an angled position when the cover is removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and inserted under the bottom of the reduced-size housing.

28. (new) A portable keyboard, comprising:

a base having a reduced-size housing with a standard-size key arrangement held in the reduced-size housing and surrounded by substantially narrow side edges and ends; the substantially narrow side edges having elongated slots with open ends formed therein;

a cover slidably held on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and having flanges formed at lower ends of side edges cooperating with the slots; the flanges extending along the lower ends and toward each other at approximately 90°;

the cover having a substantially flat top with an extending portion on one side to cover and cooperate with a holding portion formed on the reduced-size housing to firmly capture a USB connector therebetween when the cover is slid into a closed position on the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement; and

the cover adapted to support the reduced-size housing in selected positions when removed from the reduced-size housing over the standard-size key arrangement and inserted under the bottom of the reduced-size housing, by means of raised ears formed along one side of the cover.